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TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Program Administrator
FROM: Frank J. Filas, Reclamation Engineer 
RE: Recommendation to Retire File DOE/017/007

File DOE/017/007 contains the following two case histories:

1. Ted Ekker leased the Daisy June #7 Mine from Plateau Resources from 1978 to 1980. Mr. Ekker filed a Declaration of Exemption (DOE) with the Division in February 1978.
2. Dennis Ekker, of Garner-Ekker Mining Company, notified the State Industrial Commission in February 1976 that he intended to strip mine the Daisy June, Congress, Trachyte, and Delmonte claims. The Division requested that Mr. Ekker file a Mining and Reclamation Plan shortly thereafter. The Division met with Garner and Ekker in late February of 1976. As a result of this meeting the "Declaration of Exemption" was born. Interestingly enough, Garner-Ekker Mining Company never filed a DOE.

Field Inspection History

1. In March 1976, Ron Daniels inspected the Trachyte and Congress mines along with many other sites in this area. He stated that "only small diggings are active here presently".
2. In October 1978, Jim Smith inspected the Congress, Daisy June, and Dean claims. He felt that if all the active workings in this area were combined the total surface disturbance would exceed two acres. No determination was ever made if these claims were being mined by one company.

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3. In 1987, Frank Filas inspected the Delmonte and Trachyte areas. Both areas are very old mining areas which consist of a multitude of holes in the wall. They definitely qualify as DOEs. Vehicle access to the Congress and Daisy mining areas is no longer possible; Plateau Resources has dropped the claims and the roads have eroded badly.

Recommendation

According to the state severance tax records, these mines were last worked in 1979. All four areas were heavily impacted by prelaw mining, and all field inspections have reported only small mine operations. It is therefore recommended that this file be retired.

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